

## Today's News - August 15, 2002

It was bound to happen...and finally has: An official Request for Qualifications for design proposals for Ground Zero will be available Monday. The latest Who What When column has lots of industry news notes from all over. Security is in the limelight - will there ever be a more aesthetic solution than jersey barriers? Hopefully, a Designing for Security symposium next month may come up with some answers). There's good and bad news in a UN report on the environment in North America. History is under water in Europe. The south of England needs at least another million homes (but what will they be if planning regulations are relaxed?). We won't know what Cesar Pelli's Minneapolis Library will really look like until October, but early reports make it sound interesting. Charles Jencks once declared modern architecture dead; now he's offering new cues for architecture from the fields of number theory, recent thinking about biology, geology, astrophysics and Gaia, and "unveiled a rather moving monument to his principles." New projects for diplomatic facilities in Seoul are called "a typical case of a bully twisting the arms of the weak"...and much more.

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[Report calls for extra million homes within eight years: also calls on the government to relax planning regulations](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[How will new Minneapolis library stack up? City Council Member expected a more traditional design but said, "For a modern building, it looks pretty good."](#) - [Cesar Pelli](#)- Star Tribune

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